

In the Claims:

1 (previously presented). A socket driving device, comprising:
a first member having a longitudinally disposed driving shaft formed of a durable, rigid material and configured to have a striking surface end and a distally located mounting end;

the striking surface end having a first lateral cross-sectional area and the mounting end having a second lateral cross-sectional area that is substantially the same as the first lateral cross-sectional area;

a first coupling protrusion extending from the mounting end, the first coupling protrusion being substantially square in lateral cross-section;

a second member having a receiving end that is configured to releasably receive the mounting end of the first member and a distally located socket-mounting end, the first member being longer in the longitudinal dimension than the second member in that same dimension;

the receiving end having a third lateral cross-sectional area and the socket-mounting end having a fourth lateral cross-sectional area, wherein the fourth lateral cross-sectional area is greater than the third lateral cross-sectional area and the lateral cross-sectional area of the second member expands from the third cross-sectional area to the fourth cross-sectional area; and

a second coupling protrusion extending from the socket-mounting end, the second coupling protrusion being substantially square in lateral cross-section.

2 (previously presented). The device of claim 1, wherein the lateral cross-sectional area of the second member expands substantially continuously from the receiving end to the socket-mounting end.

3 (previously presented). The device of claim 1, further comprising:

an extender having a first member coupling end and a second member coupling end;

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the extender having a fifth lateral cross-sectional area that is substantially the same as the first or second lateral cross-sectional areas.

4 (previously presented). The device of claim 1, wherein the second member has a substantially flared shape, expanding towards the socket-mounting end.

5 (previously presented). The device of claim 1, wherein the first coupling protrusion and the second coupling protrusion have different sized lateral cross-sectional areas.

6 (previously presented). The device of claim 3, wherein the extender is configured for releasable coupling between the first member and the second member to extend the distance of the second member from the first member.

7 (previously presented). The device of claim 1, wherein the second lateral cross-sectional area of the first member mounting end and the third lateral cross-sectional area of the second member receiving end are substantially the same.

8 (previously presented). The device of claim 1, wherein the first member has a substantially uniform lateral cross-sectional area along its longitudinal length to transfer a striking force from the striking surface end to the mounting end, while having a tapered depression towards a mid-span thereof.

9 (previously presented). A socket driving device for driving a socket used in seal mounting or other purposes, comprising:

a socket driving member configured to be held by a human hand when in use and including a striking surface, a socket mounting surface and a socket engaging mechanism;

said striking surface being formed of a metallic material and configured to withstand a driving blow;

said socket mounting surface being provided substantially opposite said striking surface and being substantially planar and radially disposed so as to provide a substantially uniform drive force to a socket being driven by said device; and

said socket engaging mechanism including a socket coupling protrusion configured for releasable coupling to a socket;

wherein said socket driving member includes a first section and a second section, said first section including said striking surface and said second section including said mounting surface and said socket engaging mechanism, said first and second sections being releasably couplable to one another;

wherein said first section includes a first section protrusion and said second section includes a complementary coupling recess, wherein said first section protrusion is configured for coupling to at least one of said second section and a socket;

wherein said first section protrusion and said socket coupling protrusion have different lateral cross-sectional areas to accommodate different sized sockets; and

wherein the lateral cross-sectional area of said second section at said mounting surface is greater than the lateral cross-sectional area of said second section where the second section couples to the first section.

10 (previously presented). The device of claim 9, wherein said second section expands in lateral cross-sectional area from where said second section couples to said first section to said mounting surface.

11 (previously presented). The device of claim 9, wherein said second section has a substantially flared shape, expanding in lateral cross-sectional area towards said mounting surface.

12 (previously presented). The device of claim 9, wherein said first section is greater in a longitudinal dimension than in a lateral dimension and greater in the longitudinal dimension than said second section.

13 (previously presented). The device of claim 9, wherein said first section protrusion and said socket coupling protrusion each have a lateral cross-sectional shape that is substantially square.

14 (previously presented). The device of claim 9, further comprising a third section, said third section being removably coupled between said first and second sections to extend the distance from said striking surface to said mounting surface and socket engaging mechanism.

15 (previously presented). The device of claim 13, wherein the wherein said first section protrusion and said socket coupling protrusion have different lateral cross-sectional areas to releaseably couple to and drive different sized sockets.

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